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POETRY.

Near to the Cross.

dahed treasures one by one Pass to the darkness of the voiceless tomb, I calmly trust to meet them once again, And find relief from loneliness and pain Near to the cross.

When o'er my spirit-harp, grief's rude wind

sweeps, Evoking saddest murmurs from its deeps, I think of One who drained Life's cup of woc And find the peace He ever will bestow Near to the cross.

Humble yet trusting, with undaunted heart, I will press on till called from life to part, And count it a rich blessing from God's hand, That thus He biddeth His belov'd to stand Near to the cross.

And when these Earthly years are past and gon Cemptation's battle fought, the victory won, From Heaven will gently come this messag

"They that have borne the cross have won

Never to fade."

MISCELLANY.

[FOR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS] True Education.

TRUE education is that training of the mind which teaches us to do our duty in life. It teaches us to be meek, humble, and useful; never puffs up its possessor with pride, vanity or haughtiness, but enables us to act with ability and prudence in any situation of life in which we may be placed. Or, in other words, it leads to the formation of a pure and moral character. An education that does less than this, cannot be considered a true education. It is said that the ancient Egyptians inscribed on their libraries, "Remedies for the diseases of the they are indeed far from being truly edusoul;" and so might we write on the doors of our school-houses, "Remedies for the discases of the mind, and promoters of the morality and happiness of society." As Carolinians, we justly feel proud of our educational advantages; and as patriots, we are in duty bound to cherish and improve

Education is one of those indefinite terms which will admit of almost any latitude .-In its real signification, it is a progressive and never-ending work. The whole lifetime of man is but a movement onward; and we may readily believe the beautiful idea, that through all eternity man will continue to increase in knowledge and advance in wisdom. But it is not in this extensive view that I now regard the term education. For the present purpose, I will consider merely as a process for fitting the mind for the business of life; not only for the accumulation of knowledge, but the acquisition of habits of industry in preparation for the important duties and responsibilities of life. This work belongs to the school-room.-There the mind is prepared for manhood. In process of time, nature will develop the full capacity of the body; but the mind is not made of the same material as the body, and cannot alone come to its full strength and capacity. Its nourishment is made of piano. But to all who have the least idea a different matter from that which feeds body—it must have the aid and experi ures, rules and principles, and them not by instinct, but by ha a great deal of thinking and a close application of the mental faculties. The school book, the school house, and th for are three important requis ing the mind and in bringing but its power and energy. The mind, like the body, is the work of the great Giver of all things-It is the gift of God, and exists in all its o ry in the poor as well as the rich. poor are born with as good brains and m cles as the rich." It knows no distinction ha means of development, then, to edof development, and its eduucate all, and give to every one th es of a true education. As God has given ind, it is our duty to unfold the

in her manners; may sing, play and dance in the most approved style; may speak complishments, and many more besides, and still in my opinion be altogether deficient in a true education. True education is not that of his success. course of study alone that enables a woman to display all her accomplishments to the best advantage on every possible occasion; but it is that training which improves the heart as well as the mind and manners .-Of what avail are all the accomplishments with them possess also those gentle and affectionate dispositions which so much profords much pleasure to a husband that his wife can at times send forth notes of the richest melody, while at others, when no stranger is near to listen, she can address to the country. They are a most idle set him in the roughest tones of anger and contempt? I answer, no. It will never give happiness to his heart, or cause it to vibrate with affection and tenderness. Then it is one of the most important parts of true education that a woman should learn to govern her temper. (By the by, it is expedient that I should take a little of that to myself.) Well, I was going to observe that she should subdue every harsh feeling, and accomplish her heart at the same time that she is improving her mind. Ey cherishing an amiable disposition, the countenance is also greatly beautified and the voice made sweet-

er. A soft, low voice coming from a kind heart, is the sweetest of sounds. In regard to those who have no rule over their spirits, the unhappy Queen of Egypt, early applied herself to the acquirement of knowledge .-She spoke nine or ten different languages, and possessed every accomplishment to pereducated. She could no more control her furious and headstrong passions than she could calm the boisterous waves of the At-

lantic Ocean. I do not pretend to say that I am opposed to any of the innocent accomplishments of the day. On the contrary, I consider them calculated to improve and refine the mind. But it is evident that they receive mentattention than matters of greater gium, seemed to wish the experiment of importance. In many cases the fingers receive more training than the heart, which should be the seat of all the affections.-There are some mothers who urge upon their daughters the necessity of practising on the piano for hours every day, while by their example they encourage them in a course of idleness and deceit. But I am

Now, as for those girls who never intend to marry, but are resolved to live and die old maids, it is well enough that they should spend three or four hours every day at the marrying, it is most important that they ould do something which they would wish practice in after life. Some girls ought of to stry even if they should have the chance. They are as ignorant of domestic affairs as a kitten. They would not even know how to bake corn bread. Making biscuit is enttrely above their knowledge; and as to apple dumplings, they would be like GRORGE LY of England, was. It was related of he hat he happened to dine at a said in house whe pple dumplings constituted a "Th part of the viands. We had never seen one fore, and was utterly astoniated—perfectat a loss to imagine how the apple ever did make its way inside the crust! Some of these girls go to school, study many books. are fond of fine clothing, and all fashionable doings; but as to anything useful, it is out of the question. I consider them totally meducated; and to these who are so unfortunate as to choose them for helpmates or rather helpeats, through life, they are rouble and a but I will not say any

The Clock Pedlar.

I had heard of Yankee clock pedlars, tin French, draw, and paint to perfection; she pedlars, and Bible pedlars, especially of him who sold polyglot Bibles (all in English) to the smount of sixteen thousand pounds. d philosophy; may be acquainted with The house of every substantial farmer had all the new fashions of the day; may have three substantial ornaments, a wooden clock, a dozen beaux, and converse fluently with a tin reflector, and a polyglot Bible. How them; in fact, she may possess all these ac is it that an American sells his, ware at whatever price he pleases, where a blue-nose would fail to make a sale at all? I will inquire of the clock maker the secret

"What a pity it is, Mr. Slick," (for such was his name,) "what a pity it is," said I, that you who are so successful in teaching these people the value of clocks, could not also teach the value of time."

"I guess," said he, "they have got that ring to grow on their horns yet, which eveon earth to the female sex, if they do not ry four year old has in our country. We reckon hours and minutes to be dollars and cents. They do nothing in these parts but eat, drink, smoke, sleep, ride about, lounge mote the happiness of those with whom at taverus, make speeches at temperance they are connected? Do you think it af meetings, and talk about 'house of assem-It'a man don't hoe his corn, and don't get a crop, he says it is all owing to the bank; and if he runs into debt and is sued, why, he says, the lawyers are a curse

of folks, I tell you." "But how is it," said I, "that you manage o sell such an immense number of clocks, (which certainly cannot be called necessary,) among a people with whom there seems o be so great a scarcity of money?"

Mr. Slick paused, as if considering the propriety of answering the question; then, looking me in the face, said in a confidential tone, "Why, I don't care if I do tell quit this circuit. It is done by a knowledge clock in your care till I return on my way of soft sawder and human nature. But to the States. I'll set it a-going, and put it bere is Deacon Flint's," said he; "I have but one clock left, and I guess I will sell it

At the gate of a most comfortable looking farm house stood Deacon Flint, a respectable old man, who had understood the value of time better than most of his neighbors, if one might judge from the appearance of every thing about him. After the usual salutation, an invitation to "alight" cated, though they may have passed thro' was accepted by Mr. Slick, who said he the whole circle of science. Cleopatra, wished to take leave of Mrs. Flint before he left Colchester.

We had scarcely entered the house before the clock maker pointed to the view from the window, and addressing himself to me, said, "If I was to tell them in Connectifection. Yet she was far from being truly cut there was such a farm as this away down East here, in Nova Scotia, they wouldn't believe me. Why, there ain't such a location in all New England. The deacon has a hundred acres of dyke.'

"Seventy," said the deacon, "only seven

"Well, seventy, but then there is you fine deep bottom-why, I could run a ram-

"Interval, we call it," said the deacon, who, though evidently pleased at this eulo-

Well, interval if you Professor Cumstock, in his work on Ohio, calls them bottoms,) is just as good as dyke. Then there is that water privilege, worth three or four thousand dollars, twice as good as what Governor Cass paid fifteen thousand dollars for. I wonder, deacon, you don't put up a carding mill on it: the same

"Too old," said the deacon, "too old for all those speculations."

"Old!" repeated the clock maker; "not Why, you are worth half a dozen of the young men we see now-a-days; you are

young enough to have -Here he said semething in a lower tone of voice, which I did no distinctly hear; but whatever it was, the come he smiled, and said he did to such things now.

"But your beasts, dear me, your beamust be put in and have a feed," sayi which, he went out to order them to be put into the stable.

As the old gentleman closed the door after him, Mr. Slick drew near to me, and

English are would pass that man as a sheep passes a log in the pasture, without looking at him; or sail be, looking rather archly, "if he was mounted on a pretty smart horse, I guess he'd trot away if he could. Now, I find ______

Here his "soft sawder" was cu the entrance of Mrs. Blint.

besides, Squire Hawk might think kinder er, they were obliged for the present to conhard that I did not give him the offer."

"Dear me," said Mrs. Flint, "I should like to see it—where is it?" to Eastport."

"That's a good man," said Mrs. Flint,

"jist let's look at it."

Mr. Slick, willing to oblige, yielded to to these entreaties, and soon produced the clock, a gaudy, highly varnished, trumpery

looking affair. He placed it upon the chimney piece, where its beauties were pointed out, and duly appreciated by Mrs. Flint, whose admiration was about ending in a proposal, when Mr. Flint returned from giv ing his directions about the care of the horses. The deacon praised the clock. He too thought it a handsome one, but the deacon was a prudent man. He had a watch, he was sorry, but he had no occasion for a

"I guess you are in the wrong furrow, this time, deacon; it ain't for sale," said Mr. Slick, "and if it was, I reckon neighbor Steele's wife would have it, for she gives me no peace about it."

Mrs. Flint said that Mr. Steele had enough to do, poor man, to pay his interest, with

out buying clocks for his wife. "It's no consarn of mine," said Mr. Slick, as long as he pays me what he has to do; but I guess I don't want to sell it-and besides, it comes too high: that clock can't be made in Rhode Island under forty dolmaker, in apparent surprise, looking at his and if I haven't been two hours here! how on airth shall I reach River Philip to-night? you, for the market is glutted, and I shall I'll tell you what, Mrs. Flint, I'll leave the clock in your care till I return on my way

> As soon as this operation was performed, he delivered the key to the deacon, with a sort of serio comico injunction to wind up endeavoring to quiet a stout, black eyed, rothe clock every Saturday night, which Mrs. Flint said she would take care should be done, and promised to remind her husband

cost me just six dollars and fifty cents. Mrs. of its age; another of the smallest and Flint will never let Mrs. Steele have the resmartest. Some of the babies seemed to fusal—nor will the deacon learn, until I call feel their importance on this occasion, and for the clock, that having once indulged in in spite of the most carnest entreaties, would the use of a superfluity, how difficult it is to be in mischief and keep up a continued give it up. We can do without any article noise. Others appeared unwilling to "beof luxury we have never had, but when lieve their eyes," and lay quietly in their once obtained, it is not in human natur to mothers' arms, watching the proceedings surrender it voluntarily. Of fifteen thou-sand sold by myself and partners in this on hiding their innocent faces in their moprovince, twelve thousand were left in this ther's bosom, as if they knew their refuge narner, and only ten clocks were ever re- was there. turned when we called for them-they invariably bought them. We trust to sawder" to get them into the house, and to "human natur" that they never come out

National Baby Show.

We find in the Cincinnati Times, of Friday last, the following account of the most dump remarkable Fair of this go-ahead country, held at Springfield, Clark county, Ohio, on Thursday of last week. It is a refreshing change from the dry columns of politica resolves and convention speeches:

Decidedly the greatest feature of this Fai was the National Baby Convention, works would carry a turning-lathe, a shin-gle machine, a circular saw, grind bark, and ____, Took place yesterday. It attracted people, adults and barks, from all parts of the Un-ion. No less than 12,000 or 15,000 visited the Fair to-day excluding babies, all of whom appeared to be excited as to the dis play of innocence and infantile beauty The novelty of the exhibition was itself sufficient to create a general interest, but to this was added three services silver plate as prizes. The managers of the "show" ap-peared to be taken aback at the interest taken in the affair. They had supposed that even their liberal premiums would not tempt more than a dozen babies or so, and had made arrangements accordingly. Ten o'clock yesterday morning convinced them that they had underrated the importance of the occasion." Devoted mothers and doating fathers, with their little pets in their arms, came pouring into the Fair grounds. each, no doubt, confident of leaving it with r tone—

it I call soft sawder. An bad been assigned as the receptacle of the entries, and into that mothers, babies and nutses were shered by gentlemen, wearing and the contract of the cont rosettes upon their breasts. Soon there was music within,"

Astonished, probably, at finding them selves in "mass meeting assembled." ones sent up a cry, which shook the can

tent themselves by listening to the music. Some, more anxious than the rest-gentlemen we mean—climbed the adjoining trees, "It is in a chest of mine, over the way, at and enjoyed free gratis for nothing, a stolen Tom Tate's store; I guess he can ship it on peep at the Baby Convention, which, from their expressions we judged was highly grat-

> At 11 o'clock a large circle was formed by a rope around the tent, and outside of this the uninterested adults were made to stand, which they did patiently, under the promises that the babies would soon be exhibited. The judges were then elected, whose duty it was to enter the tent, examine the babies and award the premiums.

The Judges were about proceeding to their task, when a telegraph was received, announcing that a number of babies were on the train from Dayton, and would be there at 12 o'clock, and requesting a post-ponement of the examination until said bato the great discomfort of the "Convention" then in session. A few minutes after 12, the devout Catholic must have, when he cross Judges entered the tent, and through the kindness of the managers, and probably How could I choose? I should turn from with the consent of the babies, we were permitted to enter the sanctum sanctorum and look upon the scene.

The tent presented a novel, amusing and interesting sight. The mothers and nurses were seated and the "little darlings" all ready for inspection, that is as near ready Please accept my best wishes for the as could be. To see so many babies together of your novel, beautiful and admit To see so many babies together was novel; to note the maternal efforts terprise. lars. Why, it ain't possible," said the clock to present them in the best mood, was amumaker, in apparent surprise, looking at his watch, "why, as I'm alive, it is four o'clock, and purest of charms was certainly inter- of the awarding of

There sat a mother, her eyes directed alternately on the judges and on a little cherub which lay in her lap. By her sat another, holding up proudly a lovely little girl, whose flaxen curls and sweet blue eyes would soften the heart of the greatest baby-hater in Christendom. Next to her a nurse was sy cheeked "one year old," who insists on pulling the jet black ringlets of another one about its own age. One lady pointed with of it, in case he should chance to forget it. pride to the chubby legs of her darling boy, "That," said the clock maker, as soon as while another glowingly refers to the deliwe were mounted, "that I call human natur! cate but well-formed features of her sweet Now that clock is sold for forty dollars; it babe. One boasted of having the largest

Then the expressions which fell on one's ears! "Tome to mudder's arms, mudder's 'ittle pet." "Oh! you darling 'ittle toad! "B'ess its 'ittle heart, it shall have some tandy." "Tot, tot to Baridyboss, on its ma-ma's 'ittle hoss." "Stan' up, muzzer's 'ittle "Its sweet, so it is, mudder knows it pet." "Its sweet, so it is, mudder knows it innocence, "I have a very beautiful and rare is." "Dump if it wants to, tause it can piece of goods—a case which I divided with ma?" "Now what a naughty boy, see, the gentlemen are coming." "That's a good baby—nurse can tome its hair, an' it don't "Oh, allow me to see it," she asked, in an try a bit." "Sweety, sweety, mother's sweet,"

and an hundred more just such expressions.

One hundred and twenty-seven babies were entered for exhibition. And they came from almost everywhere. Several counties, including Hamilton of Ohio, were well represented, and then there were babies from Indiana, Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Mass achusetts. We would publish the names but for serious protests of the parents, who do not desire the world to know that their babies entered for the prizes and did not get it. We appreciate their feelings and submit to their request.

Large and fat shildren seemed to predom-nate. One from Indiana, five months old, inate. weighed twenty-seven and a half pounds. Another, four months old, weighed twenty

An elderly hady was present with her seventeenth baby, only two months old. She claimed nothing extraordinary in the child, but thought she was deserving of a premium and the certainly is.

The ression of the judges was a long one, but about 6 o'clock in the evening the final decision was made, and the prises awarded as follows :

First prize a splendid service of silver plate, including a large salver, to the daugh-ter of Wm. Romner of Vienna, Clark county, aged ten months.

Second prize, a service of silver plate, to the son of Wm. McDowell of Fulton, Hamilton county, Ohio, aged thirteen months. Third prize, a plain service of allver, to he daughter of Mr. A. Canon of Philadel-

awards had been made known, waited on the little favorite; and through Mr. De Graff, of Dayton, presented her with a large and costly statuette of our Saviour Blessing Little Children. This act was highly applaud-

The following letter from Fanny Fern was

Mr J. B. Paist-Sir: In thanking you for the compliment paid me, by constituting me one of the committee to award the premiums at the Baby Convention, I would also express my deep regret that my present engagements will not admit of my leaving New York. Nothing would delight me more than to visit your beautiful city, which I have so long wished to see, and the added temptation you hold out, in the shape of babies, is almost irresistible. God bless their little sweetnesses ! But how could I choose ! I, who love everything in the thaps of a child-who believe that they are all who pies arrived. The request was acceded to are left to us of Eden; who never come into their presence without a feeling such as a himself before the image of the Virgin Mary black eyes to blue, from blue eyes to grey from gray to hazel; Ishould be led by a dimple, fascinated by a ringlet, or ed by a rosy cheek or a snowy. My dear, sir, I should be as bewilder bee in a ten acre lot of full l

Thus ends our report of the N Baby Show. We inderstand it will peated next year, when, with the exp of this year before them, the man be able to prepare all the necessary modations for the "entries.'

Selling Dry Goods.

People generally think that it is a very easy matter to stand behind a counter and retail dry goods; but a week's experience in the business would convince the cleverest man that it is much more difficult and laborious than the task of turning a gringstone twelve hours per diem. The office of salesman embodies, in its duties, necessity for the shrewdness of a politician, the persuasion of a lover, the politeness of a Chesterfield; the patience of Job, and the impudence of a pickpocket. There are salesmen who make it a point never to lose a customer. the gentlemen who is in a store in Chatham street, not long since was called to show a very fastidious and fashionable lady, who dropped in while going to Stewart's," some rich silk clothing. Every article of the kind was exposed to her view—the whole store was ramsacked—nothing suited. The costly was stigmatized as trade, everything was common and not fit for She guessed she would go to Stewarts. The salesman pretended to be indignant.

"Madam," said he in a tone a injured liss mama now, won't it tiss ma- Mr. Stewart, who is my brother-in-law,

anxious tone, and continued, "I have no intention of annoying you, or of disparaging

the merits of your wares."

The salesman who was now watched in breathless silence by his fellow clerks, proceeded, as if with much reluctance, and with expressions of fear that it, would be injured by expressions of fear that it would be injured by getting tumbled, to display an ancient piece of vesting, which had been lying in the store for five years, and was considered to saleable. The lady examined much. That was a piece of specific that worthy table worn. However,

"Twenty-two

"O! that is very life." There," exclaimed

t up, #I knew you would say that?

"Stay! stay! don't been so green y P she cried—I'll give you tween ings.".
" Madam, you insult me a

"Gut me off year

The salesman, after rethe lady the vesting for vain sought to get fi the sale on vesting and ted to pay for a supper of best of this brief tale of do told. The lady had her b

one or two of her frie